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In re application of

Akio KITAMURA

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Group Art Unit: 2814

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For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED

CIRCUIT DEVICE (As amended)

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the Official Action dated May 28, 2004, applicants request that the above-identified application be amended as follows.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.